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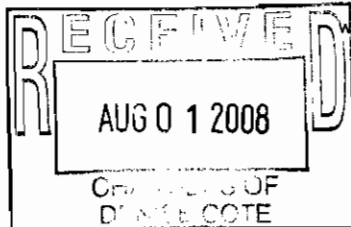
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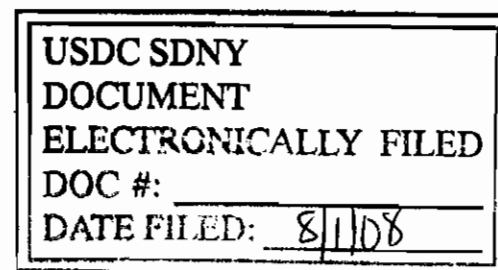
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Our Ref: 402-07/PJG

BY HAND

Honorable Denise L. Cote
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1040
New York, NY 10007

Re: Americas Bulk Transport Ltd.
v. Volcano Shipping S.A.
07 Civ. 7996 (DLC)



Dear Judge Cote,

We represent the Plaintiff in the captioned action and write to provide the Court with a brief update on the status of the matter.

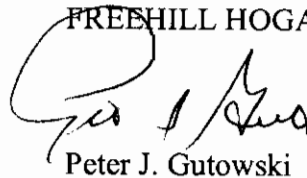
Insofar as the merits of the claim are concerned, we understand from UK counsel that the claim is going forward in London. With respect to the countersecurity issues, English counsel had endeavored to work out an agreement as to how that security would be posted and I am following up with them so that the arrangements can be finalized and we can make the deposits, as appropriate, to establish those accounts once the agreement is finalized. I will ask our English correspondent counsel to try to get this wrapped up in short order and would propose that we report to the Court on the status of that effort no later than the first week of September, 2008.

Provided this meets with the Court's approval, we will proceed on this basis and appreciate the Court's cooperation in this respect.

The Honorable Denise L. Cote
July 31, 2008
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September 19, 2008.
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August 1, 2008*